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PARMA, OHIO

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Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

The Church tells us of the dignity of Confirmation. "Those who have been baptized continue on the path of Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which they receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord sent upon the Apostles at Pentecost."

The sacrament of Confirmation is our personal celebration of Pentecost. Confirmation is the completion of our initiation into the Christian community. May you be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Just a few reminders. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated *Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.* in the Church. Bishop Roger Gries, OSB will preside. We ask that confirmandi and sponsors assemble in the Church by **6:45 P.M.**

Practice will be held **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 12:35 p.m.)**. Confirmandi and sponsors are asked to attend practice. We will meet in the Church at 12:35 p.m. If a sponsor is unable to be present, a parent may sit in for the practice. Seat assignments, the order of Confirmation, and the sponsor's role will be covered during this practice. Plan for 45-60 minutes.

All Covid 19 practices will be followed for both the practice and the Confirmation Mass. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed. Attendance at the Mass on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, will be limited to the Confirmation class and Sponsors, the parents and the brothers and sisters of those in the class. We are sorry, but grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and other extended family members will not be able to join us. The Confirmation Mass will be Livestreamed and available on our Parish website: [www.holyfamparma.org](http://www.holyfamparma.org) for those who are not invited to attend in person.

Please NO pictures or videos during the Mass. This is a distraction from our full participation and the student's attention and participation in the Mass. You are welcome to take family pictures in the Church or on the grounds following the Mass, but please respect one another and social distance.

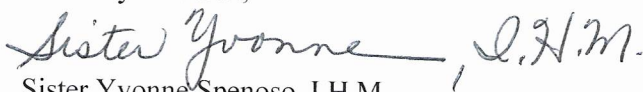
Some pointers regarding dress. The clothing worn by the candidates should be in good taste and in keeping with the solemnity of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Girls are asked to wear skirts or dresses of modest length and style. Skirts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Tops should have sleeves, *no bare shoulders, please*. If a dress or top has bare shoulders, a jacket or sweater should be worn. Girls are asked to wear dress shoes, no flip flops.

Boys should wear dress pants, a dress shirt and tie. Dress shoes should be worn. Suits or sport coats are optional.

We look forward to this great celebration of God's love in the Holy Spirit. May you be immersed in the Spirit in this moment and for the rest of your life.

Sincerely in Christ,



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